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PRODUCTION HIGHLIGHTS FOR 1986/87

WHEAT: World production for 1986/87 is estimated at a record 528.4 million metric tons, up 0.5 million or less than 1 percent from last month and up 6 percent from the 1985/86 harvest. Important changes from a month ago include the following:

- o Syria Production is estimated at 1.9 million tons, up 0.5 million or 32 percent from last month and up 8 percent from last year. The increase is attributed to greater estimated area based on official Syrian statistics.
- o Brazil Production is estimated at 5.6 million tons, up 0.3 million or 6 percent from last month and up 23 percent from last year. The increase is attributed to favorable weather resulting in higher estimated yield.
- o Iran Production is estimated at a record 6.0 million tons, up 0.2 million or 3 percent from last month and up 9 percent from last year. The increase is primarily attributed to higher estimated yield due to timely rainfall covering most of the growing area.
- o Australia Production is estimated at 17.3 million tons, down 0.2 million or 1 percent from last month, but up 9 percent from last year's crop. The decline is due to lower estimated yields in Victoria and Western Australia.

*This issue of World Crop Production includes a production feature entitled *
*"European Community Oilseed Production" beginning on page 19. *

COARSE GRAINS: World production for 1986/87 is estimated at 838.8 million tons, up 3.0 million or less than 1 percent from last month, but down 1 percent from the record 1985/86 harvest. Important changes from a month ago include the following:

- o Brazil Production is estimated at a record 26.1 million tons, up 1.5 million or 6 percent from last month and up 24 percent from last year's drought-reduced harvest. The increase is due to an upward revision in estimated corn yield.
- o Syria Production is estimated at 1.3 million tons, up 0.5 million or 66 percent from last month and up 54 percent from last year. The increase is attributed to higher estimated barley area based on statistics released by the Syrian Government.
- o Sudan Production is estimated at 4.1 million tons, up 0.5 million or 14 percent from last month, but down 3 percent from last year. Favorable weather increased yield prospects for sorghum production now estimated at 3.5 million tons.
- o Philippines Production is estimated at 4.1 million tons, up 0.5 million or 13 percent from last month and up 5 percent from last year. The increase is attributed to higher estimated corn area based on official government statistics.
- o Turkey Production is estimated at 9.1 million tons, up 0.2 million or 3 percent from last month and up 10 percent from last year. The increase is due to higher estimates of corn area.
- o Nigeria Production is estimated at 9.6 million tons, up 0.3 million or 3 percent from last month and up 4 percent from last year. The increase is attributed to higher estimated millet area.
- o Argentina Production is estimated at 15.4 million tons, down 0.5 million or 3 percent from last month and down 10 percent from last year. The decline is primarily attributed to lower estimated corn yield due to hot weather.
- o Zimbabwe Production is estimated at 2.6 million tons, down 0.2 million or 7 percent from last month and down 9 percent from last year. Corn area is estimated down in response to changes in government price policies.

RICE (MILLED-BASIS): World production for 1986/87 is estimated at 318.9 million tons, up 0.5 million or less than 1 percent from last month, but down 1 percent from last year's record harvest. Important changes from a month ago include the following:

- o Pakistan Production is estimated at a record 3.5 million tons, up 0.3 million or 9 percent from last month and up 20 percent from last year. The increase is attributed to higher yields based on statistics released by the Government of Pakistan.
- o Philippines Production is estimated at a record 6.1 million tons, up 0.2 million or 4 percent from last month and up 3 percent from last year. The increase is attributed to higher yields based on statistics released by the Government of the Philippines.

OILSEEDS: World production for 1986/87 is estimated at a record 196.5 million tons, up 0.6 million or less than 1 percent from last month and last year. U.S. production is estimated at 61.3 million tons, unchanged from last month, but down 6 percent from last year. Foreign production is estimated at a record 135.2 million tons, up 0.6 million or less than 1 percent from last month and up 4 percent from last year.

- * Soybeans: World production for 1986/87 is estimated at a record 99.4 million tons, up 0.6 million or less than 1 percent from last month and up 3 percent from last year. A significant change from last month is the following:

- o Brazil Production is estimated at 17.0 million tons, up 0.5 million or 3 percent from last month and up 24 percent from last year's drought reduced crop. The increase is attributed to higher estimated yield due to favorable growing conditions in most producing areas during February. Weather conditions during March will also be important to final yields, especially in Rio Grande do Sul. Average yield is forecast at a record 1.83 tons per hectare compared to the previous record of 1.81 tons per hectare registered in 1982/83.

- * Cottonseed: World production for 1986/87 is estimated at 27.0 million tons, up 0.2 million or almost 1 percent from last month, but down 11 percent from last year.

- * Peanuts: World production for 1986/87 is estimated at a near record 20.5 million tons, down marginally from last month and down slightly from last year's record.

- * Sunflowerseed: World production for 1986/87 is estimated at 19.2 million tons, down 0.2 million or almost 1 percent from last month and down less than 1 percent from last year's record. A significant change from last month is the following:

- o China Production is estimated at 1.5 million tons, down 0.2 million or 12 percent from last month and down 13 percent from last year. Even though estimated production is reduced this month due to lower estimated yield, average yield in 1986 is substantially higher than the 1985 crop that was adversely affected by excessive wet weather late in the season. Farmers responded to low yields and limited financial returns in 1985 by reducing planted area almost 30 percent in 1986.

- * Rapeseed: World production for 1986/87 is estimated at a record 19.7 million tons, up 57,000 tons or less than 1 percent from last month and up 7 percent from last year.

- * Flaxseed: World production for 1986/87 is estimated at 2.7 million tons, unchanged from last month, but up 16 percent from last year.

- * Copra: World production for 1986/87 is estimated at 5.3 million tons, down 24,000 tons or less than 1 percent from last month and down 3 percent from last year's record crop.

- * Palm Kernels: World production for 1986/87 is estimated at 2.5 million tons, down marginally from last month and down 1 percent from last year.

- * Palm Oil: World production for 1986/87 is estimated at 8.1 million tons, up 40,000 tons or less than 1 percent from last month, but down 1 percent from last year's record.

COTTON: World production for 1986/87 is estimated at 69.7 million bales, up 0.8 million or 1 percent from last month, but down 12 percent from 1985/86. Foreign output is estimated at 59.9 million bales, up 0.8 million or 1 percent from last month, but down 9 percent from a year ago. U.S. production is estimated at 9.8 million bales, unchanged from last month. Important changes from a month ago include the following:

- o China Production is estimated at 16.3 million bales, up 0.3 million or 2 percent from last month, but down 14 percent from last year. This month's estimate is based on official State Statistical Bureau data.

- o Pakistan Production is estimated at a record 6.1 million bales, up 0.4 million or 7 percent from last month and up 8 percent from last year. The crop benefited from favorable weather during the growing and harvesting seasons.

o Greece

Production is estimated at a record 0.9 million bales, up nearly 0.1 million or 12 percent from last month and up 9 percent from last year. Increased production is due to favorable weather.

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This report draws on information from USDA's global network of agricultural attaches and counselors, official statistics of foreign governments, other foreign source materials, and results of office analysis. Estimates of U.S. acreage, yield, and production are from USDA's Agricultural Statistics Board, except where noted. All numbers in this report are based on unrounded data and detail may not add to totals because of rounding.

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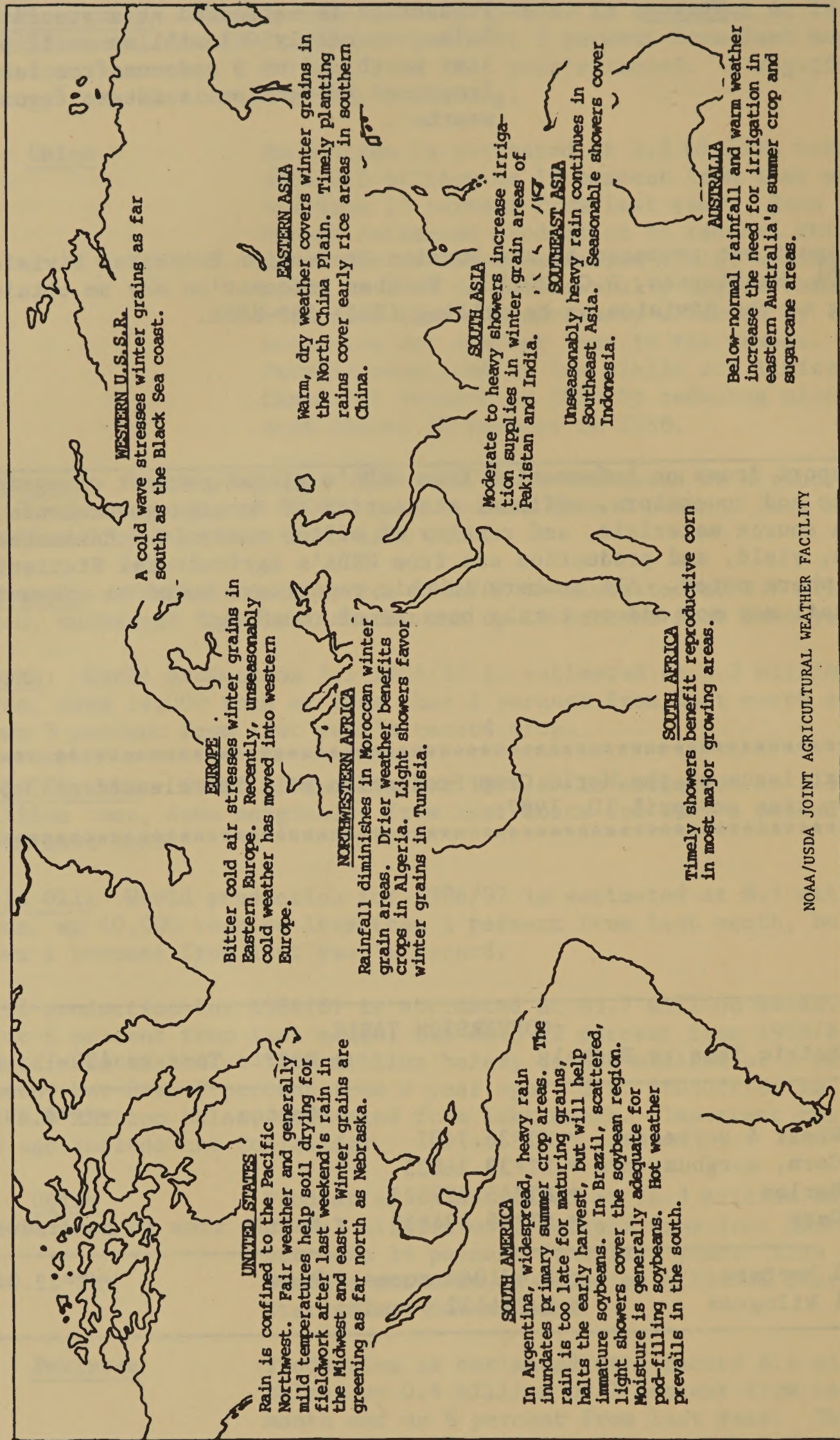
 CONVERSION TABLE

Metric Tons to Bushels	:	Metric Tons to 480-lb. Bales	:
-----	:	-----	:
	:	Cotton	=MT*4.5929625
Wheat & soybeans	= MT*36.7437	:	:
Corn, sorghum, rye	= MT*39.36825	:	:
Barley	= MT*45.929625	:	:
Oats	= MT*68.894438	:	Metric tons to hundredweight
-----	:	-----	:
1 hectare	= 2.471044 acres	:	Rice
1 kilogram	= 2.204622 pounds	:	=MT*22.04622
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WORLD AGRICULTURAL WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

MARCH 9, 1987

Date _____



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U.S. Crop Acreage, Yield, and Production 1/

Commodity	--Harvested Area--			--Yield--				--Production--			
	Prel.	Proj.		Prel.	1986 Proj.			Prel.	1986 Proj.		
	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	Feb.	Mar.	1984	1985	Feb.	Mar.
	--Million Acres--			--Bushels per Acre--				--Million Bushels--			
All Wheat	66.9	64.7	60.7	38.8	37.5	34.4	34.4	2,595	2,425	2,087	2,087
Winter	51.5	48.0	43.2	40.0	38.1	35.2	35.2	2,060	1,828	1,519	1,519
Other	15.4	16.8	17.5	34.7	35.6	32.4	32.4	535	597	568	568
Rye	1.0	0.7	0.7	33.1	28.8	28.8	28.8	32	21	19	19
Soybeans	66.1	61.6	59.4	28.1	34.1	33.8	33.8	1,861	2,099	2,007	2,007
Corn	71.9	75.2	69.2	106.7	118.0	119.3	119.3	7,674	8,877	8,253	8,253
Sorghum	15.4	16.8	13.9	56.4	66.8	67.7	67.7	866	1,120	942	942
Barley	11.2	11.6	12.0	53.4	51.0	50.8	50.8	599	591	610	610
Oats	8.2	8.2	6.9	58.0	63.7	56.0	56.0	474	521	385	385
	--Million Hectares--			--Metric Tons per Hectare--				--Millions of Metric Tons--			
Total Feedgrains	43.2	45.2	41.3	5.5	6.1	6.1	6.1	236.9	274.4	252.4	252.4
	--Million Acres--			--Pounds per Acre--				---Million CWT.---			
Rice	2.8	2.5	2.4	4,954	5,414	5,648	5,648	138.8	134.9	134.4	134.4
								---Million 480-Pound---			
All Cotton	10.4	10.2	8.5	600	630	553	553	13.0	13.4	9.8	9.8

U.S. Planted Area of Major Crops

Year	Wheat			Feedgrains							All		Total Maj Crops
	Winter	Other	Total	Rye	Rice	Corn	Sorghum	Barley	Oats	Total	Soybeans	Cotton	
	--Million Acres--												
1984	63.4	15.8	79.2	3.0	2.8	80.5	17.3	12.0	12.4	122.2	67.8	11.1	286.1
1985 prel.	57.8	17.8	75.6	2.6	2.5	83.4	18.3	13.2	13.3	128.1	63.1	10.7	282.6
1986 proj.	53.9	18.1	72.0	2.4	2.4	76.7	15.3	13.1	14.7	119.8	61.5	10.1	268.1
February	53.9	18.1	72.0	2.4	2.4	76.7	15.3	13.1	14.7	119.8	61.5	10.1	268.1
March	53.9	18.1	72.0	2.4	2.4	76.7	15.3	13.1	14.7	119.8	61.5	10.1	268.1

1/ Estimates from USDA Agricultural Statistics Board.

World Crop Production Summary

Commodity	World		North America		Europe		USSR		Asia		South America		Selected Other Countries		All Other Countries					
	Foreign	Total	United States	Canada	Mexico	EC-12	Oth. W.	Eastern Europe	China	India	Indonesia	Pakistan	Thailand	Argentina	Brazil	Australia	Turkey	South Africa	Other	
---Million Metric Tons---																				
Wheat	511.6	441.0	70.6	21.2	4.2	82.9	4.5	42.1	68.6	87.8	45.5	.0	10.9	.0	13.2	1.9	18.7	2.2	13.3	24.0
1984/85	498.8	432.8	66.0	24.3	4.4	71.7	4.1	36.9	78.1	85.8	44.1	.0	11.7	.0	8.5	4.3	15.1	1.7	12.7	28.4
1985/86 prel.																				
1986/87 proj.																				
February	527.9	471.1	56.8	31.9	4.5	71.6	4.3	39.8	92.3	88.5	47.0	.0	13.9	.0	9.0	5.3	17.5	2.3	14.0	29.3
March	528.4	471.6	56.8	31.9	4.5	71.5	4.3	39.7	92.3	88.5	46.9	.0	13.9	.0	9.0	5.6	17.3	2.3	14.0	29.9
Coarse Grains																				
1984/85	814.1	576.4	237.7	22.0	14.5	89.6	14.0	72.8	90.5	96.2	31.4	5.3	1.6	4.7	18.6	22.5	8.6	9.0	8.3	66.8
1985/86 prel.	844.8	569.9	274.9	25.0	14.7	88.3	13.2	68.4	100.0	82.3	26.1	4.6	1.6	5.5	17.1	20.7	7.8	8.9	8.3	77.6
1986/87 proj.																				
February	835.8	582.9	252.9	27.6	14.5	81.1	12.1	73.6	103.3	86.6	28.0	5.5	1.7	4.4	15.9	24.6	7.0	10.5	8.9	77.6
March	838.8	585.9	252.9	27.6	14.5	81.2	12.1	74.1	103.3	86.6	28.0	5.5	1.7	4.4	15.4	26.1	6.9	10.5	9.1	79.0
Rice (Milled)																				
1984/85	319.2	314.8	4.4	.0	0.2	1.1	.0	0.2	1.8	124.8	58.3	25.9	3.3	13.1	0.3	6.1	0.6	.0	0.2	78.8
1985/86 prel.	320.0	315.7	4.3	.0	0.4	1.3	.0	0.2	1.7	117.9	64.2	26.5	2.9	13.0	0.3	6.8	0.5	.0	0.2	79.8
1986/87 proj.																				
February	318.4	314.0	4.3	.0	0.2	1.3	.0	0.2	1.7	120.8	60.0	26.0	3.2	12.1	0.3	7.1	0.4	.0	0.2	80.5
March	318.9	314.6	4.3	.0	0.2	1.3	.0	0.2	1.7	120.8	60.0	26.0	3.5	12.1	0.3	7.1	0.4	.0	0.2	80.7
Total Grains 1/																				
1984/85	1,644.8	1,332.2	312.7	43.2	18.9	173.6	18.6	115.0	160.9 1/	308.8	135.3	31.2	15.8	17.9	32.0	30.5	27.9	11.2	21.8	169.6
1985/86 prel.	1,663.7	1,318.5	345.2	49.2	19.5	161.3	17.3	105.5	179.8 1/	286.1	134.3	31.1	16.3	18.5	25.9	31.8	24.4	10.5	21.2	185.9
1986/87 proj.																				
February	1,682.1	1,368.0	314.0	59.5	19.3	154.0	16.4	113.5	197.3 1/	295.8	135.0	31.5	18.8	16.5	25.2	37.0	25.0	12.7	23.1	187.4
March	1,686.1	1,372.1	314.0	59.5	19.3	154.0	16.4	114.0	197.3 1/	295.8	134.8	31.5	19.1	16.5	24.7	38.8	24.6	12.7	23.3	189.7
Oilseeds 2/																				
1984/85	191.0	131.8	59.2	5.2	1.1	6.3	0.5	4.8	10.0	31.1	14.7	1.5	2.3	0.5	11.3	20.4	0.9	0.6	1.8	18.9
1985/86 prel.	195.7	130.3	65.4	5.5	1.2	7.1	0.5	4.7	10.8	31.6	13.5	1.7	2.8	0.5	12.4	15.3	0.8	0.5	1.7	19.6
1986/87 proj.																				
February	195.9	134.6	61.3	6.0	0.9	8.0	0.5	5.6	10.6	30.3	14.1	1.8	2.8	0.5	11.8	18.1	0.7	0.7	2.0	20.1
March	196.5	135.2	61.3	6.0	0.9	8.0	0.6	5.6	10.6	30.3	14.1	1.8	3.0	0.5	11.8	18.5	0.7	0.7	2.0	20.1
Cotton																				
1984/85	88.1	75.2	13.0	.0	1.2	0.9	0.0	0.1	11.9	28.7	7.9	.0	4.6	0.1	0.8	4.4	1.1	0.2	2.7	10.5
1985/86 prel.	78.9	65.5	13.4	.0	1.0	1.1	0.0	0.1	12.1	19.0	8.4	.0	5.7	0.2	0.5	3.8	1.2	0.2	2.4	10.0
1986/87 proj.																				
February	68.9	59.1	9.8	.0	0.7	1.1	0.0	0.1	11.2	16.0	7.4	.0	5.7	0.1	0.5	3.4	0.9	0.3	2.2	9.7
March	69.7	59.9	9.8	.0	0.7	1.2	0.0	0.1	11.2	16.3	7.4	.0	6.1	0.1	0.5	3.4	0.9	0.3	2.2	9.7

---Million Metric Tons---

---Million 480-Pound Bales---

1/ Includes total of wheat, coarse grains, and rice (milled) shown above. Estimates of Soviet total grain production, including wheat, coarse grains, rice (rough), minor grains, and pulses are 172.6 million tons in 1984/85, 191.7 million in 1985/86, and 210.1 million forecast in 1986/87.

2/ Totals for major regions and countries and other countries include the six major oilseeds shown elsewhere in this report, while world and total foreign also include copra and palm kernels for countries shown plus other countries.

Note: Entries of '.0' indicate no reported or insignificant production.

Wheat Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	---Area---			---Yield---				---Production---			
	Prel. Proj.			Prel. 1986/87 Proj.				Prel. 1986/87 Proj.			
	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87	1984/85	1985/86	Feb.	Mar.	1984/85	1985/86	Feb.	Mar.
	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---			
World	231.4	229.8	228.1	2.21	2.17	2.32	2.32	511.6	498.8	527.9	528.4
United States	27.1	26.2	24.6	2.61	2.52	2.31	2.31	70.6	66.0	56.8	56.8
Total Foreign	204.3	203.6	203.5	2.16	2.13	2.32	2.32	441.0	432.8	471.1	471.6
Maj. Foreign Exporters	47.4	46.0	46.2	2.87	2.62	2.82	2.80	136.0	120.6	129.9	129.7
Argentina	6.0	5.3	5.0	2.22	1.61	1.80	1.80	13.2	8.5	9.0	9.0
Australia	12.1	11.7	11.3	1.55	1.38	1.55	1.53	18.7	16.1	17.5	17.3
Canada	13.2	13.7	14.2	1.61	1.77	2.24	2.24	21.2	24.3	31.9	31.9
EC-12	16.2	15.3	15.7	5.13	4.69	4.59	4.55	82.9	71.7	71.6	71.5
Major Importers	98.0	98.1	97.9	2.12	2.17	2.39	2.39	207.4	213.1	234.0	234.3
Brazil	1.8	2.8	3.8	1.09	1.54	1.39	1.47	1.9	4.3	5.3	5.6
China	29.6	29.2	29.7	2.97	2.94	2.98	2.98	87.8	85.8	88.5	88.5
Eastern Europe	10.2	10.1	10.4	4.14	3.65	3.84	3.84	42.1	36.9	39.8	39.7
Egypt	0.5	0.5	0.5	3.70	3.76	3.57	3.57	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9
Other N. Africa */	4.8	5.0	4.6	0.94	1.05	1.16	1.16	4.5	5.2	5.4	5.4
Japan	0.2	0.2	0.2	3.19	3.74	3.56	3.56	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.9
USSR	51.1	50.3	48.7	1.34	1.55	1.90	1.90	68.6	78.1	92.3	92.3
Other Foreign	58.9	59.5	59.4	1.66	1.67	1.81	1.81	97.6	99.1	107.1	107.7
India	24.7	23.6	23.1	1.84	1.87	2.04	2.03	45.5	44.1	47.0	46.9
Iran	5.7	5.7	5.8	0.80	0.93	1.01	1.03	4.5	5.3	5.8	6.0
Mexico	1.0	1.1	1.1	4.42	4.19	4.19	4.19	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.5
Non-EC W. Europe	0.9	0.9	1.0	4.92	4.53	4.52	4.52	4.5	4.1	4.3	4.3
Pakistan	7.3	7.4	7.4	1.49	1.58	1.89	1.89	10.9	11.7	13.9	13.9
South Africa	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.16	0.86	1.19	1.19	2.2	1.7	2.3	2.3
Turkey	8.6	8.6	8.7	1.55	1.48	1.61	1.61	13.3	12.7	14.0	14.0
Others	8.9	10.3	10.5	1.41	1.47	1.49	1.50	12.5	15.2	15.3	15.8

*/ Algeria, Libya, Morocco, and Tunisia.

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FOREIGN PRODUCTION ESTIMATES DIVISION, FAS, USDA

Coarse Grains Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	---Area---			---Yield---				---Production---					
	Prel. Proj.			Prel. 1986/87 Proj.				Prel. 1986/87 Proj.					
	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87	1984/85	1985/86	Feb.	Mar.	1984/85	1985/86	Feb.	Mar.		
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TOTAL COARSE GRAINS 1/	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---					
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World	335.5	339.6	336.7	2.43	2.49	2.49	2.49	814.1	844.8	835.8	838.8		
United States	43.6	45.5	41.5	5.46	6.04	6.09	6.09	237.7	274.9	252.9	252.9		
Total Foreign	291.9	294.0	295.1	1.97	1.94	1.99	1.99	576.4	569.9	582.9	585.9		
Maj. Foreign Exporters	26.7	26.6	25.6	2.36	2.41	2.56	2.54	62.9	64.2	65.5	64.8		
Argentina	6.1	5.7	5.2	3.02	3.01	3.04	2.94	18.6	17.1	15.9	15.4		
Australia	5.5	5.2	4.6	1.58	1.49	1.53	1.50	8.6	7.8	7.0	6.9		
Canada	8.0	8.3	8.4	2.74	3.02	3.29	3.29	22.0	25.0	27.6	27.6		
South Africa	4.8	4.9	5.0	1.88	1.79	2.08	2.08	9.0	8.9	10.5	10.5		
Thailand	2.2	2.5	2.3	2.11	2.23	1.92	1.92	4.7	5.5	4.4	4.4		
Major Importers	110.0	109.0	108.2	2.57	2.62	2.64	2.65	283.0	286.0	286.0	286.5		
Eastern Europe	18.8	18.5	18.6	3.87	3.69	3.94	3.97	72.8	68.4	73.6	74.1		
EC-12	20.0	20.2	19.7	4.49	4.36	4.10	4.12	89.6	88.3	81.1	81.2		
Other W. Europe	3.4	3.5	3.4	4.08	3.77	3.57	3.57	14.0	13.2	12.1	12.1		
Mexico	8.0	7.8	7.7	1.82	1.88	1.88	1.88	14.5	14.7	14.5	14.5		
USSR	59.2	58.5	58.3	1.53	1.71	1.77	1.77	90.5	100.0	103.3	103.3		
Other Major Import. 2/	0.6	0.5	0.4	2.86	3.04	3.13	3.07	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.3		
Other Foreign	155.3	158.4	161.4	1.48	1.39	1.45	1.45	230.5	219.7	231.4	234.6		
Brazil	12.4	12.7	13.6	1.82	1.63	1.81	1.92	22.5	20.7	24.6	26.1		
China	29.2	27.0	27.9	3.30	3.05	3.10	3.10	96.2	82.3	86.6	86.6		
India	39.3	39.1	39.5	0.80	0.67	0.71	0.71	31.4	26.1	28.0	28.0		
Indonesia	3.1	2.2	3.3	1.71	2.05	1.67	1.67	5.3	4.6	5.5	5.5		
Nigeria	8.4	9.0	9.4	1.03	1.03	1.07	1.02	8.7	9.2	9.3	9.6		
Philippines	3.3	3.5	3.6	1.04	1.11	1.10	1.13	3.4	3.9	3.6	4.1		
Turkey	4.1	4.2	4.4	2.03	1.97	2.12	2.08	8.3	8.3	8.9	9.1		
Others	55.5	60.7	59.7	0.98	1.07	1.10	1.10	54.6	64.7	65.0	65.7		
BARLEY													

World	80.0	80.8	80.4	2.18	2.19	2.26	2.24	174.4	176.8	180.1	180.3		
United States	4.5	4.7	4.9	2.87	2.74	2.74	2.74	13.0	12.9	13.3	13.3		
Total Foreign	75.5	76.1	75.5	2.14	2.15	2.23	2.21	161.4	163.9	166.8	167.0		
Australia	3.5	3.3	2.3	1.58	1.49	1.52	1.52	5.6	4.9	3.5	3.5		
Canada	4.6	4.8	5.0	2.25	2.61	3.03	3.03	10.3	12.4	15.0	15.0		
China	3.8	3.5	3.3	1.94	1.81	1.83	1.83	7.3	6.2	6.1	6.1		
Eastern Europe	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.02	3.72	3.78	3.77	17.1	16.5	17.1	17.0		
EC-12	12.6	12.8	12.6	4.33	3.98	3.71	3.70	54.5	50.8	46.7	46.5		
Other W. Europe	1.8	1.9	1.8	3.88	3.47	3.39	3.39	7.0	6.7	6.2	6.2		
Turkey	3.0	3.1	3.2	2.00	1.87	2.03	1.97	6.0	5.8	6.3	6.3		
USSR	30.4	29.1	29.9	1.37	1.60	1.72	1.72	41.8	46.5	51.5	51.5		
Others	11.6	13.3	12.9	1.02	1.06	1.17	1.15	11.8	14.2	14.4	14.9		

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Coarse Grains Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions (Continued)

Country/Region	---Area---			---Yield---				---Production---			
	Prel.	Proj.		Prel.	1986/87	Proj.		Prel.	1986/87	Proj.	
	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87	1984/85	1985/86	Feb.	Mar.	1984/85	1985/86	Feb.	Mar.
CORN	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---			
World	128.2	129.3	130.3	3.58	3.73	3.68	3.69	458.8	481.9	478.2	480.3
United States	29.1	30.4	28.0	6.70	7.41	7.49	7.49	194.9	225.5	209.6	209.6
Total Foreign	99.1	98.9	102.3	2.66	2.59	2.63	2.65	263.9	256.4	268.5	270.7
Maj. Foreign Exporters	9.2	9.7	9.4	2.61	2.61	2.67	2.62	24.0	25.3	25.1	24.6
Argentina	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.43	3.46	3.48	3.33	11.5	12.1	11.5	11.0
South Africa	3.9	4.0	4.1	2.09	2.00	2.32	2.32	8.1	8.1	9.5	9.5
Thailand	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.23	2.40	2.05	2.05	4.4	5.2	4.1	4.1
Major Importers	21.8	22.3	21.8	3.86	3.88	4.02	4.07	84.1	86.4	87.9	88.8
Eastern Europe	7.4	7.3	7.6	4.78	4.58	5.09	5.18	35.4	33.5	38.7	39.2
EC-12	3.8	3.9	3.9	6.02	6.55	6.23	6.36	23.1	25.8	24.6	25.0
Other W. Europe	0.2	0.2	0.2	7.41	8.30	7.26	7.26	1.7	1.9	1.7	1.7
Mexico	6.3	6.2	6.0	1.57	1.69	1.67	1.67	9.9	10.5	10.0	10.0
USSR	3.9	4.5	4.0	3.47	3.21	3.13	3.13	13.6	14.4	12.5	12.5
Other Maj. Import. 2/	0.1	0.1	0.1	3.85	4.05	4.11	4.10	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Other Foreign	68.1	66.9	71.0	2.29	2.16	2.20	2.21	155.8	144.7	155.5	157.2
Brazil	12.0	12.3	13.2	1.83	1.63	1.82	1.93	22.0	20.0	24.0	25.5
Canada	1.2	1.2	1.1	5.89	6.24	6.15	6.15	7.0	7.5	6.7	6.7
China	18.5	17.7	19.2	3.96	3.61	3.60	3.60	73.4	63.8	69.0	69.0
Egypt	0.8	0.8	0.8	4.46	4.60	4.70	4.70	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.9
India	5.8	5.9	5.9	1.46	1.17	1.22	1.22	8.4	6.9	7.2	7.2
Indonesia	3.1	2.2	3.3	1.71	2.05	1.67	1.67	5.3	4.6	5.5	5.5
Philippines	3.3	3.5	3.6	1.04	1.11	1.10	1.13	3.4	3.9	3.6	4.1
Zimbabwe	1.4	1.3	1.2	2.07	2.03	2.00	2.00	3.0	2.5	2.5	2.3
Others	21.9	22.1	22.8	1.35	1.44	1.46	1.45	29.6	31.8	33.1	33.0
SORGHUM											
World	44.5	46.6	44.9	1.48	1.51	1.46	1.46	66.1	70.3	65.5	65.7
United States	6.2	6.8	5.6	3.54	4.19	4.25	4.25	22.0	28.5	23.9	23.9
Total Foreign	38.3	39.8	39.3	1.15	1.05	1.06	1.06	44.1	41.8	41.6	41.7
Argentina	2.0	1.4	1.2	2.97	3.00	2.96	2.96	5.9	4.2	3.4	3.4
Australia	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.89	1.77	1.86	1.70	1.4	1.3	1.6	1.5
China	2.5	1.9	1.9	3.15	2.90	2.88	2.88	7.7	5.6	5.4	5.4
India	15.9	15.8	16.0	0.72	0.64	0.64	0.64	11.4	10.1	10.2	10.2
Mexico	1.3	1.3	1.4	3.15	2.85	2.96	2.96	4.1	3.7	4.0	4.0
Nigeria	3.2	3.3	3.3	1.14	1.08	1.15	1.09	3.7	3.5	3.8	3.6
South Africa	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.88	1.41	1.94	1.94	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.7
Sudan	3.4	5.9	5.0	0.32	0.64	0.60	0.70	1.1	3.8	3.0	3.5
Thailand	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.32	1.04	1.01	1.01	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Others	8.6	8.9	9.1	0.91	1.00	1.01	1.01	7.8	8.9	9.2	9.2

1/ Total of barley, corn, and sorghum shown below plus rye, oats, millet, and mixed grain.

2/ Japan, Republic of Korea, and Taiwan.

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Rice Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	---Area---	---	Yield---	---	Production---	---	Milling Rate---	---	Production---
					(Rough Basis)				(Milled Basis)
	Prel. Proj.		Prel. 1986/87 Proj.		Prel. 1986/87 Proj.		Prel. 1986/87 Proj.		Prel. 1986/87 Proj.
	1984/85 1985/86 1986/87	1984/85 1985/86 Feb.	1984/85 1985/86 Feb.	Mar.	1984/85 1985/86 Feb.	Mar.	1984/85 1985/86 Feb.	Mar.	1984/85 1985/86 Feb.
	---Million Hectares---	---	Metric Tons Per Hectare---	---	---Million Metric Tons---	---	---In Percent---	---	---Million Metric Tons---
World	144.4	144.2	144.3	3.25	3.24	3.25	468.6	467.8	468.6
United States	1.1	1.0	1.0	5.55	6.07	6.33	6.1	6.1	6.1
Total Foreign	143.3	143.2	143.4	3.23	3.22	3.23	462.6	464.4	462.5
Maj. Foreign Exporters	16.3	16.1	16.0	2.43	2.41	2.39	38.4	38.0	38.4
Burma	4.7	4.7	4.7	3.15	3.17	3.15	14.8	14.9	14.8
Pakistan	2.0	1.9	2.1	2.49	2.35	2.40	5.2	4.4	5.2
Thailand	9.6	9.6	9.2	2.07	2.06	2.00	18.4	19.7	18.4
Major Importers	12.7	12.9	12.9	4.02	4.06	3.98	51.5	52.3	51.5
EC-12	0.3	0.3	0.3	5.55	6.22	5.77	1.9	2.0	1.9
Indonesia	9.8	9.8	9.9	3.91	3.97	3.86	38.2	39.0	38.2
Nigeria	0.7	0.7	0.7	2.02	1.96	2.04	1.5	1.4	1.5
Republic of Korea	1.2	1.2	1.2	6.47	6.35	6.37	7.9	7.9	7.9
Other Maj. Import. #/	0.8	0.8	0.7	2.66	2.66	2.66	2.0	2.1	2.0
Other Foreign	114.2	114.2	114.5	3.25	3.27	3.25	371.7	373.1	372.5
Australia	0.1	0.1	0.1	6.86	6.43	6.23	0.6	0.7	0.6
Bangladesh	10.1	10.4	10.4	2.16	2.17	2.26	21.9	22.6	23.5
Brazil	5.0	5.8	6.0	1.80	1.72	1.75	10.5	10.0	10.5
China	33.2	32.1	32.3	5.37	5.25	5.34	178.3	168.5	172.5
India	41.2	40.9	41.0	2.13	2.35	2.20	87.5	96.2	90.0
Japan	2.3	2.3	2.3	6.41	6.22	6.31	14.6	14.5	14.6
Philippines	3.2	3.4	3.5	2.55	2.67	2.55	8.2	9.1	9.0
USSR	0.7	0.7	0.6	3.95	3.83	4.33	2.6	2.6	2.6
Vietnam	5.7	5.7	5.8	2.70	2.63	2.70	15.4	15.0	15.5
Others	12.7	12.8	12.6	2.59	2.65	2.65	33.0	33.9	33.4

#/ Hong Kong, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, and Saudi Arabia.

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Cotton Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	---Area---			---Yield---				---Production---			
	Prel.	Proj.		Prel.	1986/87	Proj.		Prel.	1986/87	Proj.	
	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87	1984/85	1985/86	Feb.	Mar.	1984/85	1985/86	Feb.	Mar.
	---Million Hectares---			---Kilograms Per Hectare---				---Million 480-Pound Bales---			
World	33.9	31.7	29.9	565	543	502	508	88.1	78.9	68.9	69.7
United States	4.2	4.1	3.4	673	706	620	620	13.0	13.4	9.8	9.8
Total Foreign	29.7	27.5	26.4	550	518	487	493	75.2	65.5	59.1	59.9
Maj. Foreign Exporters	14.8	12.9	12.0	791	755	718	730	53.8	44.6	39.6	40.3
Australia	0.2	0.2	0.1	1361	1485	1333	1333	1.1	1.2	0.9	0.9
Central America 1/	0.2	0.2	0.1	760	686	575	575	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.4
China	6.9	5.1	4.4	903	805	792	807	28.7	19.0	16.0	16.3
Egypt	0.4	0.5	0.4	965	959	919	919	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.9
Mexico	0.3	0.2	0.2	844	981	980	943	1.2	1.0	0.7	0.7
Pakistan	2.2	2.4	2.4	451	522	523	559	4.6	5.7	5.7	6.1
Sudan	0.4	0.3	0.4	492	449	451	451	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.7
Turkey	0.7	0.7	0.6	781	785	818	818	2.7	2.4	2.2	2.2
USSR	3.3	3.3	3.4	773	794	712	712	11.9	12.1	11.2	11.2
Major Importers 2/	0.3	0.3	0.3	715	799	770	818	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.2
Other Foreign	14.6	14.4	14.1	303	299	283	284	20.4	19.7	18.4	18.4
Argentina	0.4	0.3	0.3	383	344	340	340	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.5
Brazil	2.4	2.2	2.1	398	377	350	350	4.4	3.8	3.4	3.4
India	7.4	7.6	7.4	232	241	218	218	7.9	8.4	7.4	7.4
Syria	0.2	0.2	0.1	854	952	1044	953	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6
Others	4.1	4.1	4.1	343	334	336	340	6.5	6.3	6.4	6.5

1/ Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, and Costa Rica.

2/ Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Japan, Hong Kong, Republic of Korea, and Taiwan.

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Country/Region	---Area---			---Yield---				---Production---			
	Prel.	Proj.		Prel.	1986/87	Proj.		Prel.	1986/87	Proj.	
	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87	1984/85	1985/86	Feb.	Mar.	1984/85	1985/86	Feb.	Mar.
	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---			
SOYBEANS											
World	53.83	51.94	52.20	1.73	1.86	1.89	1.90	93.04	96.53	98.86	99.43
United States	26.76	24.92	24.05	1.89	2.29	2.27	2.27	50.64	57.11	54.62	54.62
Total Foreign	27.07	27.01	28.15	1.57	1.46	1.57	1.59	42.39	39.41	44.24	44.81
Maj. Foreign Exporters	13.42	12.63	12.95	1.86	1.66	1.87	1.91	25.03	21.00	24.20	24.70
Argentina	3.27	3.35	3.65	2.06	2.18	2.11	2.11	6.75	7.30	7.70	7.70
Brazil	10.15	9.28	9.30	1.80	1.48	1.77	1.83	18.28	13.70	16.50	17.00
Other Foreign	13.65	14.39	15.20	1.27	1.28	1.32	1.32	17.36	18.41	20.04	20.11
Canada	0.42	0.43	0.41	2.26	2.47	2.44	2.44	0.94	1.05	0.99	0.99
China	7.29	7.72	8.24	1.33	1.36	1.34	1.34	9.70	10.50	11.00	11.00
Eastern Europe	0.51	0.52	0.51	1.50	1.12	1.48	1.47	0.77	0.58	0.75	0.75
India	1.24	1.30	1.35	0.77	0.75	0.81	0.81	0.96	0.98	1.10	1.10
Indonesia	0.84	0.91	1.00	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.82	0.89	0.98	0.98
Mexico	0.35	0.37	0.32	1.57	2.03	1.88	1.88	0.55	0.75	0.60	0.60
Paraguay	0.55	0.55	0.53	1.73	1.09	1.60	1.79	0.95	0.60	0.85	0.95
USSR	0.77	0.74	0.77	0.61	0.62	0.65	0.65	0.47	0.46	0.50	0.50
Others	1.69	1.86	2.08	1.31	1.40	1.54	1.56	2.22	2.61	3.28	3.25
COTTONSEED											
World	33.93	31.68	29.88	1.00	0.96	0.90	0.90	33.89	30.36	26.75	26.99
United States	4.20	4.14	3.44	1.11	1.16	1.02	1.02	4.67	4.79	3.50	3.50
Total Foreign	29.73	27.54	26.44	0.98	0.93	0.88	0.89	29.22	25.57	23.25	23.49
China	6.92	5.14	4.40	1.54	1.37	1.35	1.37	10.64	7.05	5.92	6.02
India	7.44	7.58	7.40	0.46	0.48	0.43	0.43	3.45	3.65	3.22	3.22
Pakistan	2.24	2.37	2.38	0.90	1.04	1.05	1.12	2.01	2.47	2.48	2.66
USSR	3.35	3.32	3.42	1.42	1.45	1.31	1.31	4.74	4.82	4.48	4.48
Others	9.79	9.14	8.84	0.86	0.83	0.81	0.81	8.38	7.59	7.15	7.12
PEANUTS											
World	17.74	18.29	19.09	1.11	1.12	1.08	1.07	19.74	20.55	20.55	20.52
United States	0.62	0.59	0.62	3.22	3.15	2.70	2.70	2.00	1.87	1.68	1.68
Total Foreign	17.12	17.69	18.47	1.04	1.06	1.02	1.02	17.74	18.68	18.87	18.85
Brazil	0.19	0.16	0.15	1.77	1.36	1.56	1.53	0.34	0.22	0.25	0.23
China	2.42	3.32	3.33	1.99	2.01	1.77	1.77	4.82	6.66	5.90	5.90
India	7.17	7.31	7.50	0.90	0.76	0.79	0.79	6.44	5.55	5.90	5.90
Senegal	0.87	0.61	0.83	0.64	0.97	0.85	0.85	0.56	0.59	0.70	0.70
South Africa	0.23	0.22	0.25	0.85	0.50	0.90	0.90	0.20	0.11	0.23	0.23
Sudan	0.74	0.48	0.55	0.53	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.39	0.35	0.40	0.40
Others	5.50	5.60	5.86	0.91	0.93	0.94	0.94	5.01	5.21	5.49	5.49

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Oilseeds Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions (Continued)

Country/Region	---Area---			---Yield---				---Production---			
	Prel.	Proj.		Prel.	1986/87	Proj.		Prel.	1986/87	Proj.	
	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87	1984/85	1985/86	Feb.	Mar.	1984/85	1985/86	Feb.	Mar.

	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---			

SUNFLOWERSEED											

World	14.33	15.56	14.40	1.25	1.24	1.35	1.34	17.96	19.31	19.41	19.22
United States	1.49	1.15	0.79	1.14	1.24	1.53	1.53	1.70	1.43	1.21	1.21
Total Foreign	12.84	14.41	13.61	1.27	1.24	1.34	1.32	16.27	17.88	18.19	18.01
Argentina	2.35	3.14	2.40	1.45	1.31	1.25	1.25	3.40	4.10	3.00	3.00
China	1.01	1.47	1.05	1.68	1.18	1.62	1.43	1.70	1.73	1.70	1.50
EC-12	1.65	1.90	2.01	1.40	1.42	1.51	1.51	2.30	2.70	3.04	3.04
East Europe	1.16	1.21	1.36	1.82	1.67	1.91	1.91	2.11	2.03	2.60	2.60
USSR	3.91	4.05	3.95	1.16	1.29	1.34	1.34	4.53	5.23	5.30	5.30
Others	2.76	2.63	2.83	0.81	0.79	0.91	0.91	2.23	2.09	2.55	2.57
RAPESEED											

World	13.49	14.42	15.07	1.26	1.29	1.31	1.31	16.95	18.53	19.68	19.74
Total Foreign	13.49	14.42	15.07	1.26	1.29	1.31	1.31	16.95	18.53	19.68	19.74
Canada	3.09	2.80	2.78	1.11	1.25	1.40	1.40	3.43	3.51	3.89	3.89
China	3.41	4.49	4.94	1.23	1.25	1.18	1.19	4.21	5.61	5.81	5.87
EC-12	1.17	1.28	1.28	2.93	2.85	2.83	2.83	3.43	3.63	3.62	3.62
East Europe	0.81	0.91	0.93	2.22	2.19	2.34	2.34	1.79	1.99	2.18	2.18
India	3.99	3.80	4.00	0.77	0.69	0.75	0.75	3.07	2.64	3.00	3.00
Others	1.02	1.13	1.14	1.00	1.02	1.03	1.03	1.02	1.15	1.18	1.18
FLAXSEED											

World	4.49	4.53	4.57	0.52	0.52	0.60	0.60	2.31	2.37	2.73	2.73
United States	0.22	0.24	0.28	0.82	0.89	1.06	1.06	0.18	0.21	0.29	0.29
Total Foreign	4.27	4.29	4.30	0.50	0.50	0.57	0.57	2.14	2.16	2.44	2.44
Argentina	0.73	0.75	0.75	0.86	0.64	0.73	0.73	0.63	0.48	0.55	0.55
Canada	0.72	0.74	0.81	0.96	1.22	1.33	1.33	0.69	0.90	1.07	1.07
India	1.40	1.40	1.40	0.28	0.27	0.29	0.29	0.39	0.37	0.40	0.40
USSR	1.16	1.10	1.06	0.21	0.18	0.22	0.22	0.25	0.20	0.24	0.24
Others	0.26	0.30	0.28	0.68	0.64	0.67	0.67	0.18	0.20	0.19	0.19
MAJOR OILSEEDS TOTAL	137.81	136.41	135.21	1.33	1.38	1.39	1.40	183.89	187.64	187.98	188.64
COPRA	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.80	5.49	5.36	5.33
PALM KERNEL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.26	2.55	2.53	2.52
TOTAL OILSEEDS	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	190.95	195.68	195.87	196.50
PALM OIL *	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.95	8.17	8.02	8.06

* Not included in total oilseeds.

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NOTE: The table below presents a 5-year record of the differences between the March projections and the final estimates. Using world wheat production as an example, changes between the March projections and the final estimates have averaged 4.6 million tons (1.0 percent) ranging from 1.7 to 8.0 million tons. The March projection has been below the final estimate two times and above three times.

RELIABILITY OF MARCH PRODUCTION PROJECTIONS

		: DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PROJECTION AND FINAL ESTIMATE, 1981/82-85/86 1/						
COMMODITY AND REGION	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
	: AVERAGE	: AVERAGE	: SMALLEST	: LARGEST	:	: BELOW FINAL	: ABOVE FINAL	:
		: PERCENT	:	: ----MILLION METRIC TONS----			:	: NUMBER OF YEARS 2/
WHEAT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
WORLD	:	1.0	:	4.6	1.7	8.0	:	2 3
U.S.	:	0.0	:	0.0	0.0	0.1	:	0 1
FOREIGN	:	1.2	:	4.6	1.8	8.0	:	2 3
		:	:	:	:	:	:	:
COARSE GRAINS 3/	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
WORLD	:	0.7	:	5.8	4.0	10.9	:	3 2
U.S.	:	0.2	:	0.3	0.0	1.3	:	1 1
FOREIGN	:	1.1	:	6.0	4.0	10.9	:	3 2
		:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RICE (MILLED)	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
WORLD	:	1.6	:	4.9	1.0	9.7	:	5 0
U.S.	:	0.5	:	0.0	0.0	0.1	:	0 1
FOREIGN	:	1.7	:	4.9	1.0	9.7	:	5 0
		:	:	:	:	:	:	:
SOYBEANS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
WORLD	:	1.7	:	1.6	0.9	2.2	:	3 2
U.S.	:	1.2	:	0.6	0.0	1.3	:	1 3
FOREIGN	:	2.9	:	1.1	0.4	2.2	:	4 1
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		:	:	: ----MILLION 480-LB. BALES---- <td>:</td> <td>:</td>			:	:
COTTON	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
WORLD	:	1.5	:	1.2	0.0	3.0	:	3 1
U.S.	:	1.0	:	0.1	0.0	0.3	:	1 3
FOREIGN	:	1.9	:	1.3	0.1	3.2	:	3 2
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=====	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
		:	:	:	:	:	:	:
CORN	:	0.2	:	8	0	38	:	0 1
SORGHUM	:	0.2	:	1	0	4	:	0 1
BARLEY	:	0.5	:	3	0	11	:	1 1
OATS	:	0.1	:	0	0	2	:	1 0

1/ The final estimate for 1981/82-1985/86 is defined as the first November estimate following the marketing year.

2/ May not total five if projection was the same as the final estimate.

3/ Includes corn, sorghum, barley, oats, rye, millet, and mixed grain.

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PRODUCTION BRIEFS

SYRIA: PROCUREMENT PRICE INCREASE COULD INCREASE COTTON OUTPUT

The Syrian Supreme Agricultural Council, which determines agricultural policy, has increased the cotton procurement price for the 1987/88 crop by 22 percent and set it at SP\$5.50 (U.S. 25 cents) per kilogram of seed cotton. This measure, intended to encourage cotton production, was announced on February 9, as planting starts in April. Last year's output fell 6 percent from the preceding year due in large part to unfavorable cotton prices.

BRAZIL: MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE FOR COTTON INCREASED

The minimum support price for cotton grown in Brazil's central south was increased by almost 50 percent from CZ\$66.9 to CZ\$100.05 per arroba (15 kilograms), in accordance with the recent agricultural reforms. Cotton production costs are estimated to be higher than for other crops because of greater reliance on labor. The government, however, does not intend to make further adjustments in the cotton minimum support price. Minimum prices for basic food commodities (i.e., corn, rice and dry beans) will be adjusted monthly from April to June according to increases in the index of prices paid by producers.

CHINA: COTTON OUTPUT REEMPHASIZED

Cotton procurement prices for the 1987/88 season have been increased as well as the supply of inputs to farmers in order to increase output. Area has been targeted at 5.13 million hectares, up from the 1986/87 area of 4.4 million hectares.

MOROCCO: INCREASED OILSEEDS PRODUCTION

The U.S. agricultural counselor in Rabat reports that oilseed production was up significantly from 71,000 metric tons in 1985/86 to 83,000 metric tons in 1986/87. He attributes this 17-percent increase to improved crop conditions and an initiative by the government aimed at encouraging the production of oil-bearing crops. The government program is focused on sunflowerseed and olive production, which increased 28 percent and 61 percent, respectively, last year. Prospects for further near-term increases in production are thought to be relatively good for sunflowers, but the process of increasing olive production is slower, making precise estimates of increases difficult to obtain.

ECUADOR: INCREASED SUNFLOWERSEED PRODUCTION

The government of Ecuador plans to expand production of sunflowerseed for 1987/88 to 20,000 hectares. This compares to a 1986/87 crop area of only 125 hectares and total production of 225 tons. According to the U.S. agricultural attache in Quito, significant increases in sunflowerseed area and production are likely, since many farmers are expected to switch from corn to sunflower production in the face of large domestic surpluses, depressed prices, and limited marketing opportunities for corn. The government of Ecuador is expected to offer short-term credit on favorable terms to sunflowerseed producers as part of its agricultural self-sufficiency policy and ban on soybean imports.

THAILAND: NEW GOVERNMENT POLICY ON RICE PRODUCTION

The Ministry of Agriculture's four-year development plan, calling for a 3.5-percent reduction in rice growing area, has been approved by the National Economic and Social Development Board. Under the plan, farmers will be encouraged to use the converted rice land as pasture for cattle and for the production of vegetables, fruits, and soybeans. Ministry officials are predicting that this year's dry season paddy crop will be down by about 5 percent as a result of the new policy.

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY OILSEED PRODUCTION

The European Community (EC) is on the verge of becoming a major producer of oilseeds. Record oilseed production has been attained every year since 1976/77. The EC's production in 1986 is estimated to have been 8.0 million tons, the seventh largest in the world. Since 1975, crop area has increased nearly one and one half-times, average yield has increased 75 percent, and production has more than quadrupled. Although rapeseed and sunflowerseed comprise most of the EC's production (45 percent and 38 percent, respectively), the most dramatic recent increases have come from soybeans. In Italy, which accounts for nearly 90 percent of the EC's soybean output, production has increased from a mere 9,000 tons in 1981 to 740,000 tons in 1986.

Seven of the EC member countries produce nearly all of the oilseed output. France is the EC's leading oilseed producer. France produces 37 percent of all oilseeds, an amount equivalent to three times that of either Italy, Spain, West Germany, or the United Kingdom taken separately. Together, these five countries accounted for about 85 percent of EC oilseed production in 1986. Denmark and Greece accounted for about 14 percent of EC oilseed output in 1986.

Rapeseed production accounts for 45 percent of total EC oilseed production. Production has increased 35 percent since 1982. The key producers are: France (29 percent); West Germany (26 percent); United Kingdom (25 percent); and Denmark (17 percent).

Sunflowerseed production accounts for 38 percent of total EC oilseed production. Production has increased 101 percent since 1982. The key producers are: France (58 percent); Spain (28 percent) and Italy (7 percent).

Soybean production accounts for 10 percent of total EC oilseed production. Production has increased 2670 percent since 1982. The key producers are: Italy (89 percent); and France (10 percent).

Cottonseed production accounts for 5 percent of total EC oilseed production. Production has increased 76 percent since 1982. The key producers are: Greece (68 percent) and Spain (32 percent).

Flaxseed production accounts for less than 1 percent of total EC oilseed production. Production has increased 2 percent since 1982. The key producers are: France (70 percent) and Belgium/Luxembourg (18 percent).

Peanut production accounts for less than 1 percent of total EC oilseed production. Production has increased 40 percent since 1982. The key producers are: Spain (86 percent) and Italy (14 percent).

EC-12 OILSEEDS PRODUCTION BY COMMODITY

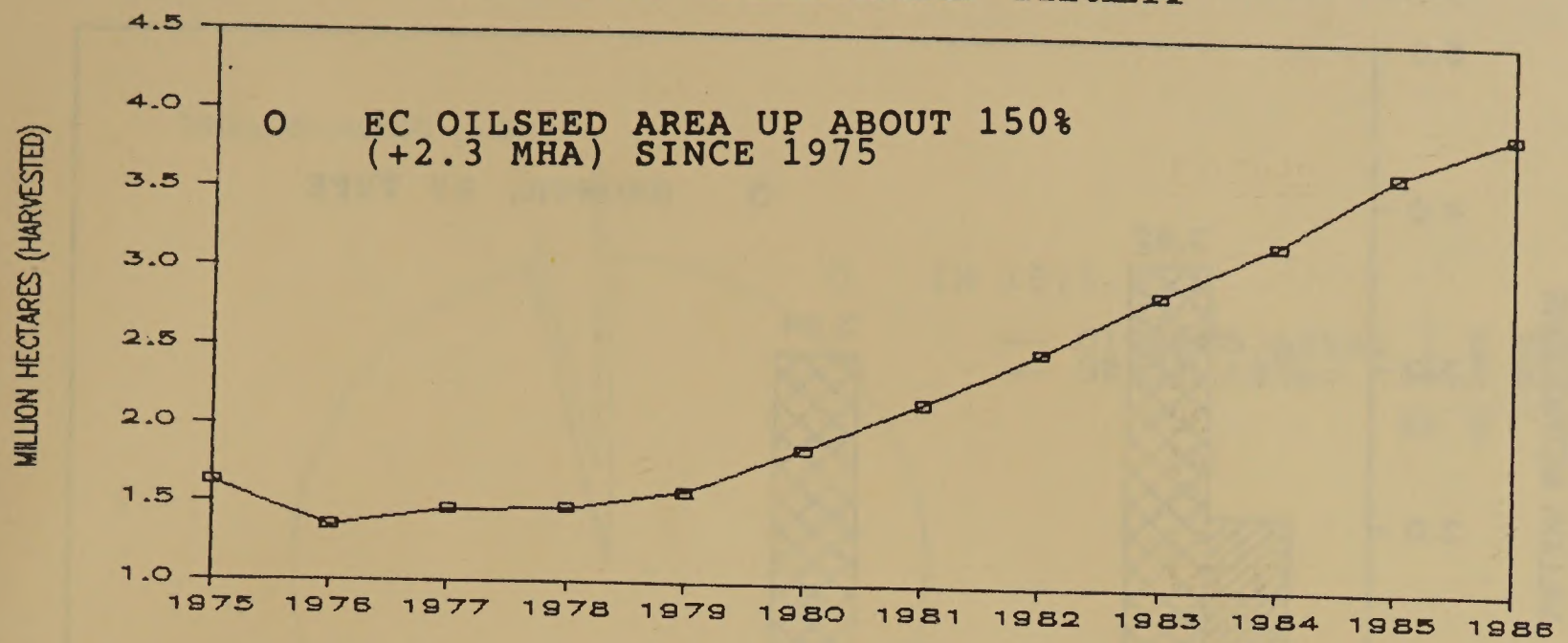
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	----- (1000 METRIC TONS) -----						
Rapeseed	2,663	2,448	3,432	3,634	3,622	7.2%	
Sunflowerseed	1,512	1,757	2,298	2,696	3,038	20.2%	
Soybeans	30	89	145	334	831	534.0%	
Cottonseed	244	270	353	413	444	16.4%	
Flaxseed	43	32	42	51	44	0.5%	
Peanuts	5	5	5	6	7	8.0%	
Total	<u>4,497</u>	<u>4,601</u>	<u>6,275</u>	<u>7,134</u>	<u>7,986</u>	<u>15.5%</u>	

EC-12 OILSEEDS PRODUCTION BY COUNTRY

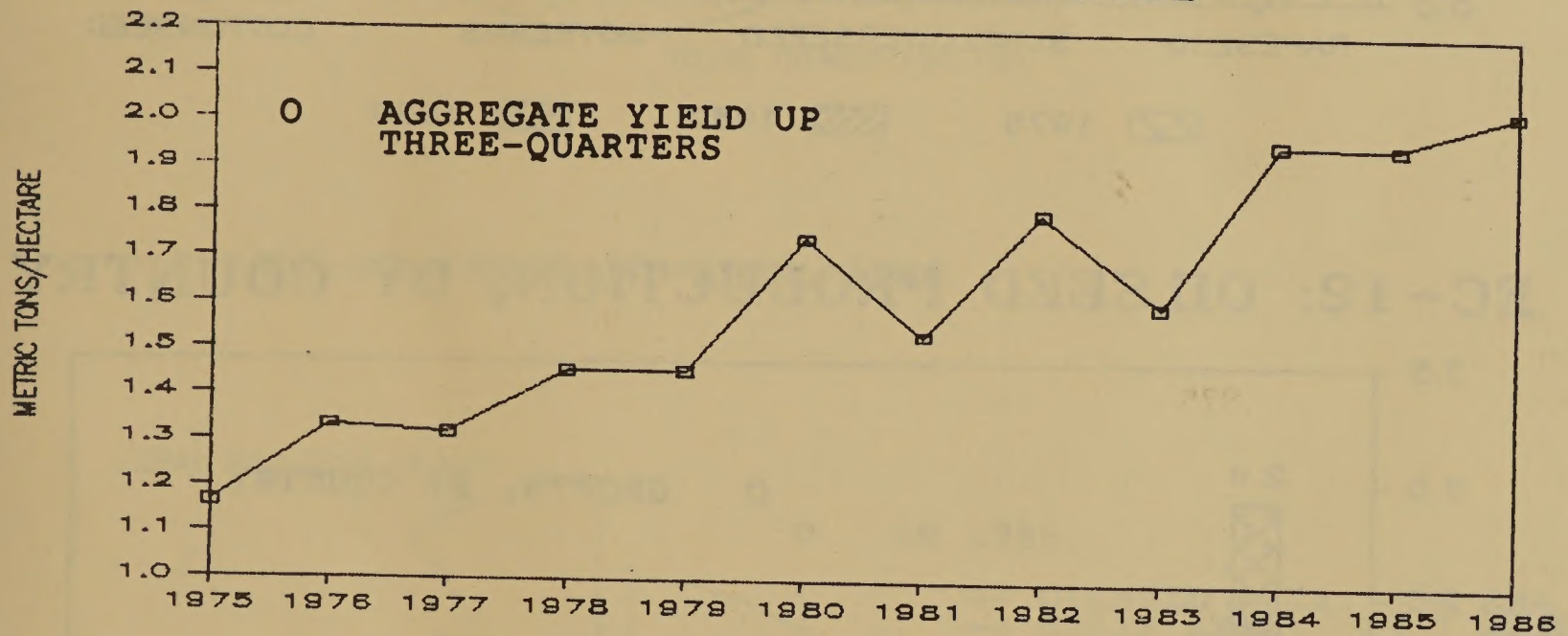
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	----- (1000 METRIC TONS) -----						
France	1,844	1,781	2,322	2,902	2,924	11.7%	
West Germany	535	599	662	807	971	16.3%	
Spain	875	846	1,228	1,069	1,000	2.9%	
Italy	103	197	264	480	1,015	177.1%	
United Kingdom	580	565	925	895	900	11.0%	
Denmark	335	309	474	544	613	16.6%	
Greece	148	210	310	359	465	42.8%	
Portugal	13	28	28	31	35	33.9%	
Netherlands	42	41	35	24	34	-3.8%	
Belgium/Lux.	17	16	18	14	20	3.5%	
Ireland	5	9	9	9	9	16.0%	
Total	<u>4,497</u>	<u>4,601</u>	<u>6,275</u>	<u>7,134</u>	<u>7,986</u>	<u>15.5%</u>	

1/ Average annual growth since 1982/83.

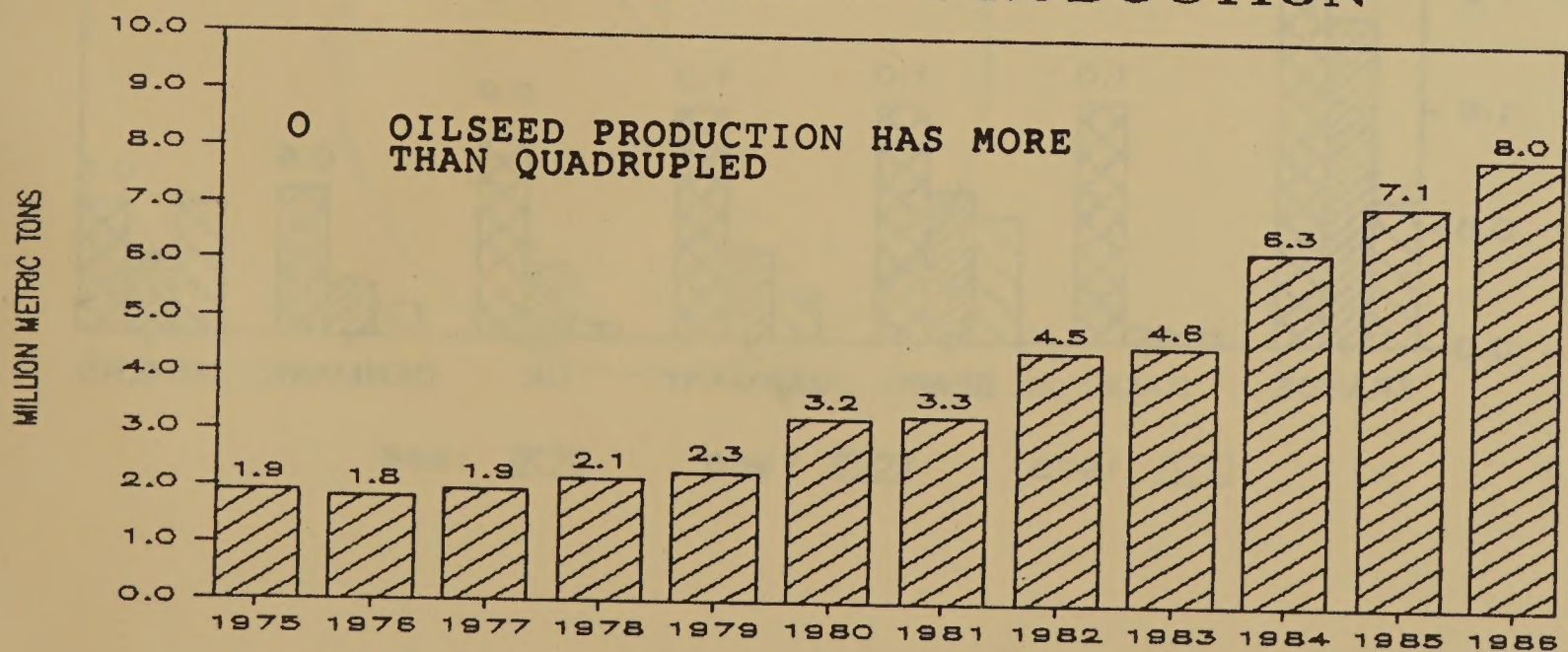
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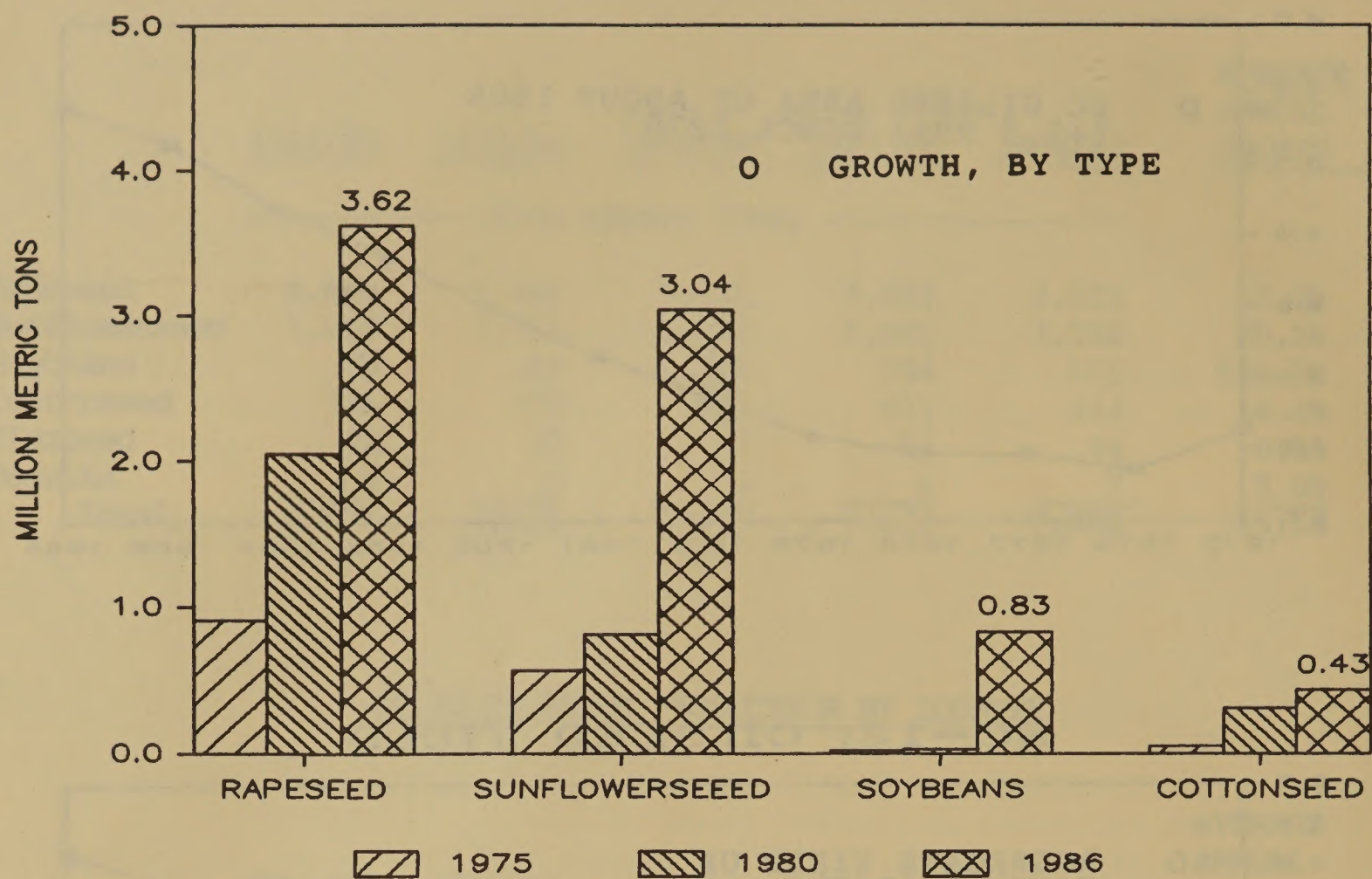
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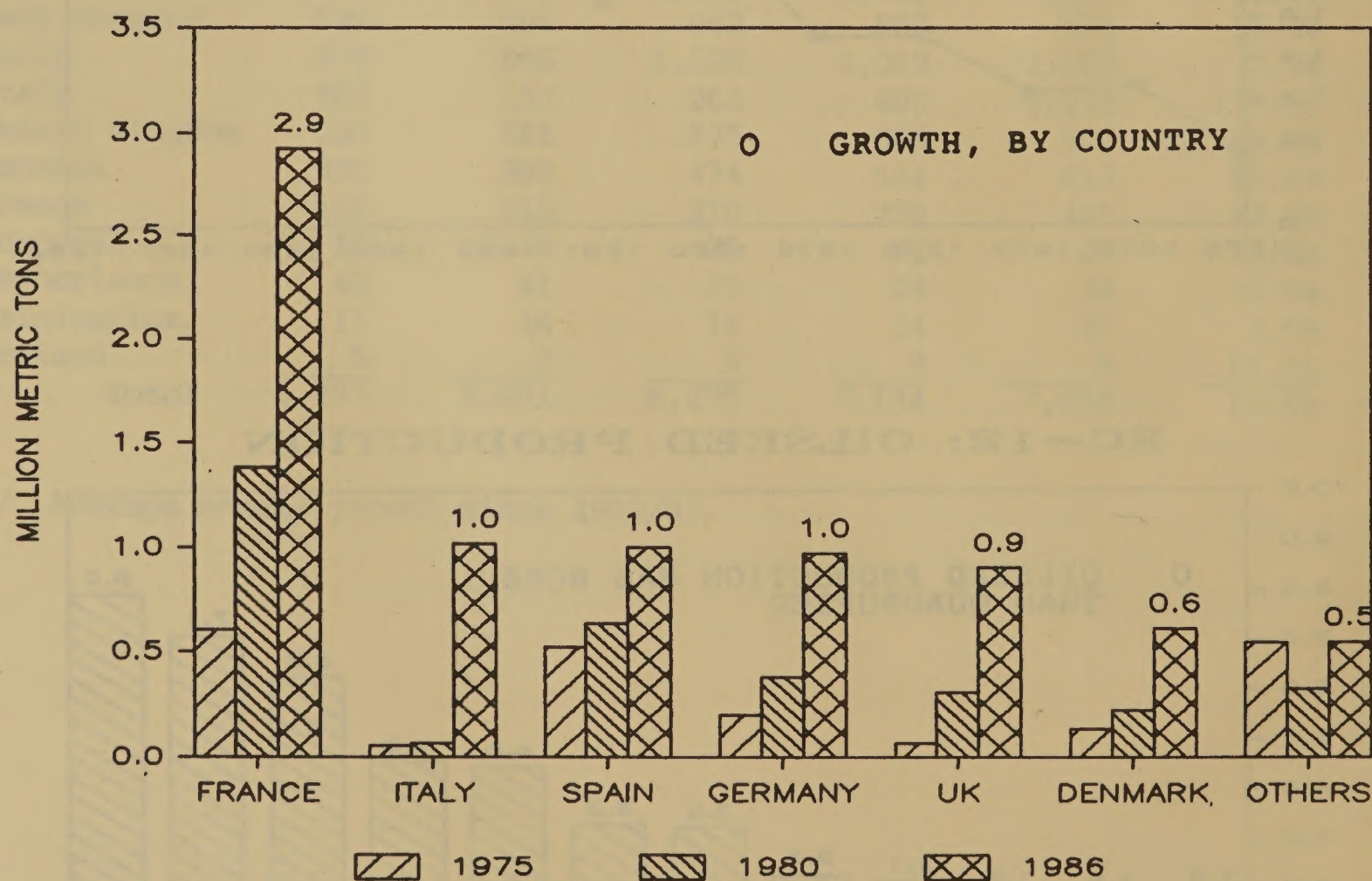
EC-12: OILSEED PRODUCTION



EC-12: OILSEED PRODUCTION, BY TYPE

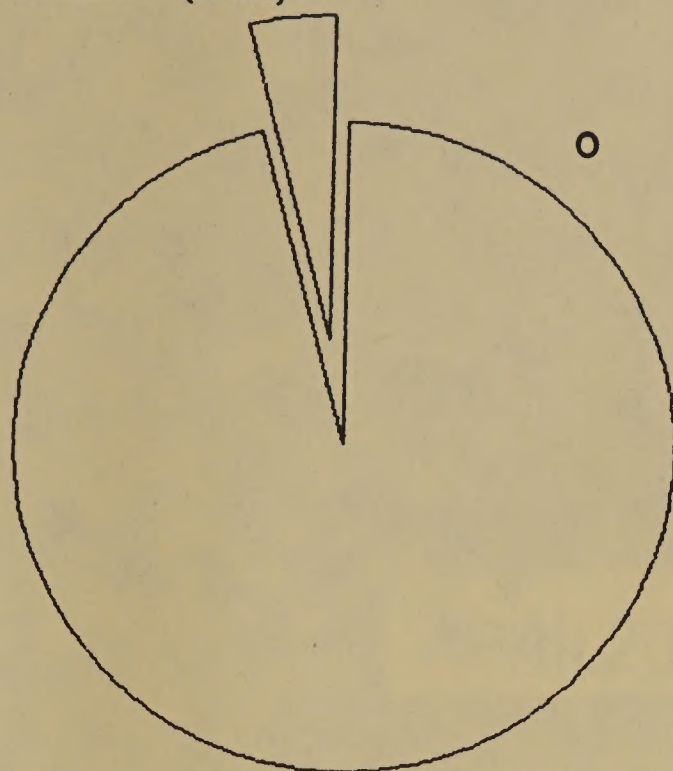


EC-12: OILSEED PRODUCTION, BY COUNTRY



EC-12: CROPLAND AREA, 1975

TOTAL OILSEEDS (4.3%)



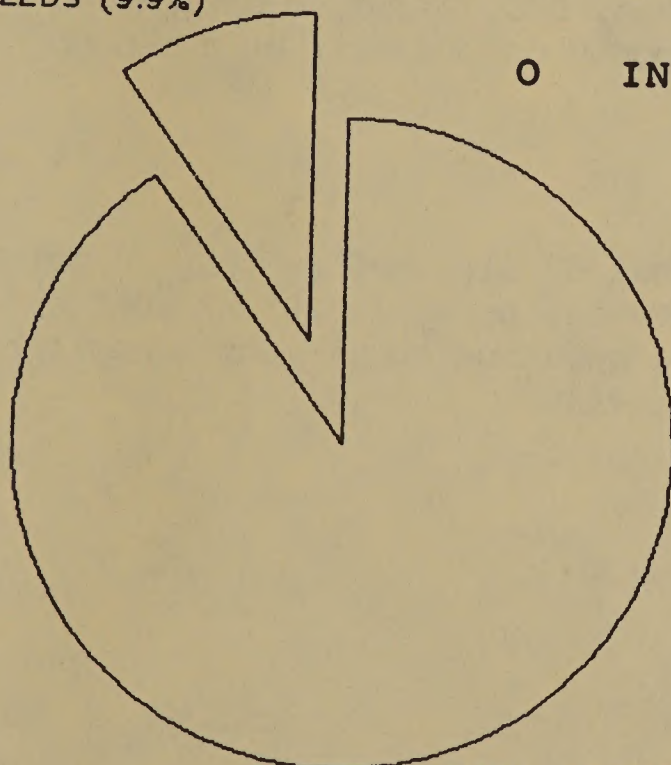
TOTAL GRAINS (95.7%)

O IN 1975,

-- OILSEED AREA:	1.6	MHA
-- GRAIN AREA:	36.6	MHA
	<hr/>	
	38.2	

EC-12: CROPLAND AREA, 1986

TOTAL OILSEEDS (9.9%)



TOTAL GRAINS (90.1%)

O IN 1986,

-- OILSEED AREA:	3.9	MHA
-- GRAIN AREA:	35.7	MHA
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	39.6	

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